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Senate Arms Control Observers Group

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Senator Albert Gore, Jr.
Senator Robert Dole (Ex-Officio)
Senator Robert C. Byrd (Ex-Officio)

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1984

Dear Senator Nunn:

I am delighted to learn that you have been named co-chairman of the group of Senate arms control observers. Please accept my congratulations.

I welcome this step by the Senate, which I believe can facilitate and enhance our consultative process and help establish the kind of unity which our nation needs as we approach this issue of such great importance.

We go to Geneva in a positive and constructive attitude. Our aim is to bring about a process of formal negotiations on offensive nuclear systems and defensive systems, including space-related issues. We go with no illusions, however. Should progress not prove possible now, we are fully confident that our position will become widely recognized as reasonable and creative. Whatever the immediate outcome at Geneva, the President's initiative already has provided an approach that inevitably will contribute to the goal of eventually eliminating all nuclear weapons.

I look forward to consulting with you at an early opportunity after my return from Geneva.

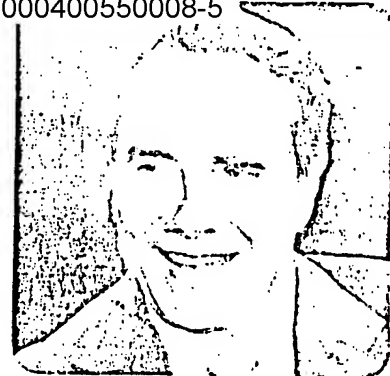
Sincerely yours,



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The Honorable
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DOLE, BYRD SELECT SENATE OBSERVERS FOR ARMS TALKS WITH SOVIETS

WASHINGTON -Fulfilling the recommendation of their arms control resolution, unanimously approved by the Senate yesterday, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Senate Minority Leader Robert C.

Byrd today announced that a bipartisan group of Senators has been selected to join the official U.S. delegation as observers to any arms control negotiations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Although the resolution pledges Senate support for the upcoming Shultz/Gromyko meetings in Switzerland, the newly created observer team will not be going to Geneva.

Dole and Byrd joined together in the arms control resolution on the opening day of the 99th Congress. Their resolution, which hailed the Administration's commitment to arms control and pledged Senate support for the Geneva meetings, called for the respective party leaders in the Senate to appoint a team of Senate observers.

The following members have been appointed:

Chairman: Ted Stevens (R-Alaska)
Co-Chairman: Sam Nunn (D-Ga.)

Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.)	Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.)
Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.)	Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.)
Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.)	Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.)
Don Nickles (R-Okla.)	Albert Gore (D-Tenn.)

Senators Byrd and Dole, or their designees, will serve as ex-officio members of the Senate delegation. Within this group, Senators will serve as observers on a rotating basis, to be determined by the Chairman and Co-Chairman. Senators Dole and Byrd have authorized Senators Stevens and Nunn to work out additional details with the Administration.

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"This group of outstanding Senators has the kind of expertise and commitment needed to deal with one of the most important issues facing this nation. Our team underscores the deep interest of the Senate, as an institution, in nuclear arms control," Dole said. "We intend to uphold our constitutionally mandated role in helping shape and confirm our country's arms control policies."

"Any arms control agreement must be supported by a substantial national consensus to stand the test of time," Senator Byrd said. "The Senate's role is central to both the development of that consensus and to the ratification or approval of any treaty or agreement. The Senate will benefit by access to the negotiating sessions established on a regular basis. I believe the informal reactions and views of Senators to any ongoing talks will be of real value to our negotiating team at a time before final decisions on specific issues are made."

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